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Chief, HI

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In reply refer to:  
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SIGINT Review of the USS PUEBLO Incident (19-23 January 1968)

REFERENCE: A. ADP Memo to Chief B, Subject: as above, dtd 19 Dec 68  
 B. ADP Memo to Chief P2, Subject: as above, dtd 19 Dec 68  
 C. P2/4 Final Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group, Subject: as above  
 dtd 19 Dec 68

1. An ad hoc working group was established by ADP in October 1968 to review a draft document prepared by HII, entitled, "SIGINT Review of the USS PUEBLO Incident (19-23 January 1968)." Mr. [ ] HII, was designated the B representative on this working group. The working group concluded in Reference C that subject document represented a "thorough and professional job of the analysis" and made recommendations to improve the over-all quality of the document and supporting files. In response to those recommendations the following were accomplished:

a. It was recommended that subject document as record of the incident should be as complete as possible. In this regard the ADP should address a memorandum to A, B, G and K asking these organizations to take a "last look" for any additional SIGINT reflections of the PUEBLO incident. P2/4 has provided HII a copy of this memorandum and the responses which were all negative.

b. It was recommended that the ELINT aspects of subject document be treated more thoroughly. In this regard the working group felt that ADP should request the Chief, Group B to task a suitable person to co-ordinate this matter with those several elements, and then incorporate the results into subject document (see Ref B). This was accomplished by HII with the assistance of C6 and P2/4, and the ELINT data resulting from this review was incorporated into subject document.

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c. It was recommended that an individual skilled in the techniques of library science be made available to HII to arrange the technical materials supporting subject document in a manner to permit easy retrieval (see Ref A). A representative from P22, Mr. [ ] did review these files; Mr. [ ] however, could offer little assistance because of the technical nature of these files. Subsequently, HII reviewed these files and rearranged them using some suggestions by Mr. [ ] to make for easier retrieval.

d. The working group, upon learning that HII had prepared some charts reflecting the PUEBLO's positions at various times, recommended

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that such charts should be incorporated into the document, in "pull-out" fashion. This was accomplished by H11 with the assistance of D2 and L24.

e. It was recommended that the document be subject to an editorial review to make it more readable to someone who may not have a detailed SIGINT technical background. Mrs. [ ] A45, with the assistance and coordination of H11 accomplished the editorial review by consolidating and refining subject document.

f. In addition, the working group recommended that subject document be considered as "Volume I of what may become the official NSA position statement on the PUEBLO incident." The working group also recommended that "a message be sent to the three SCA's, DIA and CIA advising them of the Agency's undertaking asking them to take one last look and advise NSA." H11 is not aware of any decision to establish subject document as Volume I of the official NSA position on the PUEBLO. H11 took no action on this point although this could easily be accomplished if later required. Concerning the latter recommendation, the ADP elected not to send a message to the three SCA's, DIA AND CIA.

2. Twenty-five numbered copies of subject report have been produced and will be held with the other supporting materials in two file cabinets in H11 spaces. H11 is prepared to make individual, by name, distribution of these documents as directed. Copy number 1 has been provided for your review. No other distribution has been made.

3. It is the judgment of H11 that all recommendations set forth by the ad hoc working group in References A, B, and C have been fully accomplished by H11 and subject documentation is ready to be presented to appropriate NSA officials as the completed SIGINT documentation on the PUEBLO incident.

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